

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 6-21, 23, 24 and 27-29 are pending in the present application with claims 1 and 14 having been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1, 3, 6-9, 12-15, 19-21, 23, 24 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Thiagarajan et al. in view of Matsugami and Potrebic; and there were five rejections of the dependent claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 1, 3, 6-9, 12-15, 19-21, 23, 24 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Thiagarajan et al. in view of Potrebic and Tsutsumi. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended independent claim 1 includes a combination of features and has been amended to clarify that a controller is configured to initialize identifying information for identifying a success and a failure of recording of each of more than one broadcasting programs, when recordings of the more than one broadcasting programs are scheduled at the same time, to select a single broadcasting program among the more than one broadcasting programs and control to record the selected broadcasting program, and to change the identifying information of the single broadcasting program if the recording of the single broadcasting program is successful. Independent claim 14 has been amended in a similar manner.

The Office Action recognizes that Thiagarajan et al. does not disclose a controller configured to initialize identifying information for identifying a success of recording of each of more than one broadcasting programs and changing the identifying information of the single broadcasting program if the recording of the single broadcasting program is successful and relies on Matsugami as teaching these features. However, it is respectfully noted Matsugami discloses in paragraph [0055] “[w]hen the automatically reserved program video data has been recorded on the recording medium 19, the reservation managing section 15 adds a recording complete flag to the reservation table with the corresponding reservation ID in the program reservation table storage section 17.” However, it is respectfully noted Matsugami only discloses adding the recording complete flag to the reservation table after the recording has been

performed. Thus, it is respectfully submitted Matsugami does not initialize the recording complete flag before recording. Further, the recording complete flag can not be used for identifying a failure of recording of a broadcasting program, because it is added after the recording operation. Thus, it is respectfully submitted Matsugami does not teach or suggest the claimed combination of features including the initialization of the identifying information for identifying a success and a failure of recording of each of more than one broadcasting programs, and changing the identifying information of the single broadcasting program if the recording of the single broadcast program is successful.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted amended independent claims 1 and 14 and each of the claims depending therefrom, are allowable.

In addition, it is respectfully submitted the additional rejections noted in the Office Action have also been overcome as the claims rejected therein are dependent claims and the additionally applied references also do not teach or suggest the features recited in the corresponding independent claims.

CONCLUSION

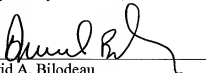
In view of the above remarks, it is believed that all of the claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David A. Bilodeau, Reg. No. 42,325, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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